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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) supplements the IDSs filed June 10, 2002 and February 3, 2004. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached along with English language Abstracts and translations of each document. Additionally, an Office Action ("Notification of Reasons for Refusal") issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application citing the listed documents and setting forth the relevance

thereof is also enclosed, along with an English translation of the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that the documents were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 Form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

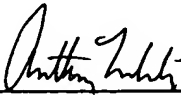
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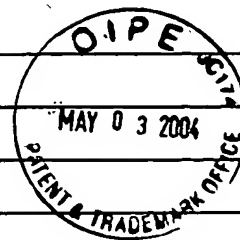
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